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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Privately-owned Property Claim
[REDACTED]

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Regulation [REDACTED] the attached claim for reimbursement in the amount of \$1,084.75 for loss of privately-owned household effects (149 items and 61 items of professional books, Attachment A) was considered by the Headquarters Board of Survey at a meeting held on 26 April 1956. This claim, dated 19 October 1955, was forwarded to headquarters through the Chief of Station [REDACTED] dated 24 October 1955, (Attachment B). The Chief, EE Division, prepared a study containing a recommendation for approval, dated 13 April 1956, for the Headquarters Board of Survey.

4. Briefly, the severe damage found on delivery is a result of open storage over a long period in [REDACTED] damp and rainy climates. Photographs (Attachment D) illustrate the condition of the effects upon opening. A letter by the [REDACTED] official, dated 26 May 1955, attempts to account for the damage and requests benevolence for a regrettable incident. Claimant believes any legal action against [REDACTED] officials would surely result in embarrassment to the Agency, and compromise [REDACTED]

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he was assigned. Since he is thus deprived of legal recourse, claimant states the Agency should assume liability. The Chief, EE Division, concurs that these security and cover considerations preclude claimant's legal recourse against [REDACTED] Officials.

5. Attachment E pertains to unsuccessful insurance correspondence for recovery of the loss. Insurance coverage was limited to marine perils at sea and did not include loss by rain water damage. Mr. [REDACTED] recommends that Agency employees, departing for foreign assignments, be thoroughly briefed on the value of adequate insurance coverage.

6. The Headquarters Board of Survey, subsequent to a thorough review and deliberation of all evidence presented, unanimously recommended that the claim be approved, subject to application of the depreciation schedule by the Office of the Comptroller. This recommendation is based solely on the representation made by the operating division and by the claimant that security and cover considerations preclude a claim against the [REDACTED] officials responsible for the damage. The amount allowed by the Office of Comptroller is computed in the following manner:

| | <u>CLAIMED</u> | <u>ALLOWED</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Household effects (149 Items) | \$ 743.50 | \$ 662.94 |
| Books (61 Items) | 341.25 | 254.20 |
| | <u>\$1084.75</u> | <u>\$ 917.14</u> |

7. In view of the security factors incident to subject individual's assignment in the field station, it is necessary that any reimbursement on claim be made from Confidential Funds.

SIGNED

[REDACTED]
Chairman

Headquarters Board of Survey

Attachments

CONCURRENCES:

[REDACTED]

Office of the Comptroller

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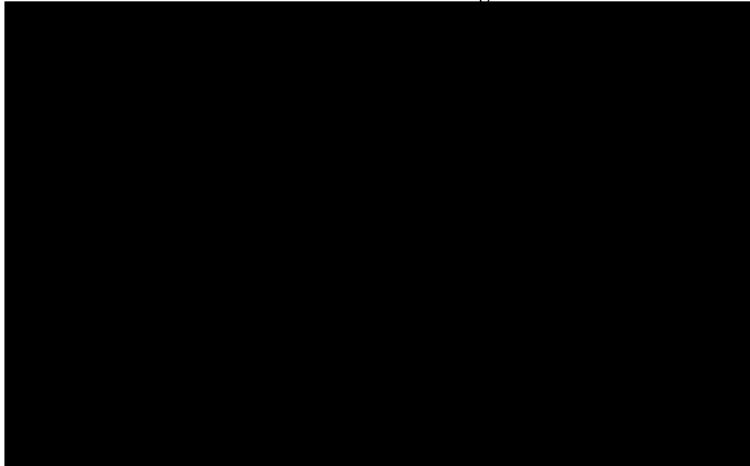
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Recommendation in Paragraph 6
is Approved:

MAY 28 1956

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for
L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director
(Support)

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